

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 25, lines 2-13, as follows:

In order to form the marks on the transfer paper conveyer belt 60, a resin ~~[[tap]]~~ tape is adhered to one side of the transfer paper conveyer belt 60 in its moving direction. This resin tape is a flexible material on which the marks 85 are continuously formed at a constant interval. In addition to this mark formation method, the marks can be formed simultaneously with the formation of the transfer paper conveyer belt 60. According to this method, the marks cannot be set at a constant interval when the contraction percentage of the belt as a whole is not uniform. However, according to an adherence method employed in the first embodiment, the marks can be set at a constant interval without affecting the mark intervals even if the contraction percentage of the transfer paper conveyer belt 60 is not uniform.

Please amend the paragraph at page 54, lines 14-17, as follows:

When the slit member has the apertures 631i as shown in Fig. ~~630B~~ 23B, a plurality of reflection sections and non-reflection sections of the scale can be read even when the scale 650 is damaged. Therefore, a signal can be detected stably.